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Dear Sir:

Re: United States Patent Application No: 10/700,579

For: CONSTRUCTION OF A VACUUM CLEANER

Filed: November 5, 2003

Applicant: Wayne Ernest Conrad

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